

MINUTES.

... OF THE...

14TH ANNUAL SESSION

...OF THE...

Mount Pleasant Primitive Baptist

➤ ASSOCIATION, ➤

...CONVENED WITH THE...

NEW HOPE CHURCH, BULLOCH COUNTY, GA.,

October, 26, 27 and 28. 1900.

ELDER A. MUNLIN. MODERATOR,

ELDER W. HODGES, CLERK.

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Of the Fourteenth Annual Session of the Mt. Pleasant Primitive Baptist Association, held with the church at New Hope, Bulloch county, Georgia, Friday, Saturday and Sunday Oct. 26, 27 and 28, 1900.

1. At 11 o'clock a. m. the introductory sermon was preached by Eld. Z. Butler from John 10 chapter 9 verse, "I am the door, by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture." Then 30 minutes intermission.
2. After which the ministers and messengers assembled in the house. Sung hymn 535, prayer by Eld. N. Lawrence.
3. Called for and read letters from the several churches, all were represented and generally in peace.
4. Then organized the body by re-electing Eld. A. Mun'in, moderator, and Eld. W. Hodges, clerk.
5. Read the decorum.
6. On motion adopted the order of the last session as the order of business for the present.
7. Call for petitionary letters—None.
8. To invite visiting ministers and brethren to seat with us.
9. Called for corresponding letters. One by the hand of Elds. N. Lawrence and Z. Butler which was received by the association and the moderator giving to them the right hand of fellowship. Which session convenes with the church at Rock Creek, Jones county, Ga., 7 miles west of Round Oak, on the Macon & Northern R. R., on Friday before the Fourth Sunday in September 1901.
10. Appointed the following committee on preaching as follows: Brethren H. Groover, W. Hodges, G. Jackson, B. Hall and W. C. Dugger.
11. On motion, called for the report on preaching. Committee report as follows: Eld N. Lawrence to preach Saturday morning 10 o'clock, followed by Eld. A. Jackson.
12. On motion, adjourned until Saturday morning, 9 o'clock.
13. Met Saturday pursuant to adjournment. Sang hymn 589. Prayer by Eld. W. Hodges, then the moderator pronounced the association in order for business. Called the roll, delegates all present.
14. On motion, appointed the following committee on general meetings, as follows: Brethren R. L. Brown, R. Spikes and L. Kennedy.
15. Appointed the following brethren to write the corresponding letter: W. C. Dugger and H. E. Smith.
16. Called for the report of the committee on general meeting. They report that the general meeting to be held with the church at Banks Creek, Bulloch county, Ga., Saturday before the fifth Sunday in June, 1901.

17. On motion, agreed that the association to be held with the church at St. Paul, Washington county, Ga., to begin on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1901.

18. Called for the circular letter which was handed in and received.

19. Appointed the following elders as correspondents: Elds. A. Eason, A. Munlin, D. Cook, alternate.

20. Appointed Eld. J. B. Mosley to write the next circular letter.

21. On motion, agreed to have 250 copies of minutes printed and the clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of the same.

22. Called for contributions. Contributed to W. Hodges \$9.50 for minutes and to J. B. Mosley \$22.50 for messengers. The committee arranged for the following ministers to preach Sunday morning as follows: Eld. J. B. Mosley to preach Sunday morning 11 o'clock, followed by Eld. N. Lawrence and close by Eld. A. Munlin.

23. On motion, agreed to close with prayer by Eld. Z. Butler, hoping to meet a goodly number of our brethren and sisters at our next session, so farewell.

ELD. A. MUNLIN, Moderator.

ELD. W. HODGES, Clerk.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

Dearly beloved Brethren in the Lord: Through the great and tender mercy of our heavenly Father we have this grand privilege of meeting in another associate capacity to perform the business that is assigned us in love and peace. We are very glad to say that all of our churches were represented and generally in peace with each other and seem to be growing in the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Dearly beloved brethren our correspondence was not as full as desired, but we were made to rejoice at the coming of our most appreciated Brethren Elds. N. Lawrence and Z. Butler and do pray for a continuance in the same in our further associations and we do pray that we continue to stand firm in the faith once delivered to the saints. We send to your honorable body as our correspondents: Elds. A. Eason, A. Munlin and Eld. Daniel Cook, alternate. Our next association will convene with the church at St. Paul, Washington county, Ga., four miles west of Bartow, Ga., C. R. R. May the Good Lord help us to meet again in love to worship our God in spirit and in truth.

ELD. W. HODGES, Clerk.

ELD. A. MUNLIN, Moderator.

ORDER OF PRECHING FROM DAY TO DAY.

Saturday morning 9 o'clock, Eld. N. Lawrence preached from Mal 3: 6 verse followed by Eld. A. Jackson. P. M. Eld. Z. Butler preached from John 9: 4 verse followed by Eld. A. Eason. John 15: 1 verse. Sunday morning 11 o'clock, Eld. J. B. Mosley preached from 1 Cor. 15: 49 verse followed by Eld. N. Lawrence, Phil. 3: 12 verse. Closed by Eld. A. Munlin.

CHURCHES AND THEIR OFFICERS

Churches	County	Pastors	Clerks	P.
Banks Creek	Bulloch	A Munlin	W Hodges acting	Blitch, Ga
St. Paul	Wash'n	J B Mosley	I C Smith	Riddleville
Eden	Tattnall	A Eason	George Jackson	Collins
Mt. Pisgah	Bulloch	W Hodges	J Parish	Parish
Bethlehem	Emanul	J B Mosley	H E Smith	Josey
Bethel	Bulloch	W Hodges	H Moore	Statesboro
Zion Hill	Tattnall	A Jackson	D Kennedy	Bellville
New Hope	Bulloch	W Hodges	H Groover	Statesboro
Little Flock	Emanul	Daniel Cook	J Kelsey	Statesboro

Ordained Ministers	Post Office	Licentiates	Post Office
Eld A Munlin	Portal, - - Ga	Jas Kelsey	
" J B Mosley	Powell, - - Ga	W H Haines	Davisboro - Ga
" W Hodges	Blitch, - - - Ga	M S Williamson	Savannah - Ga
" A Jackson	Collins, - - Ga		
" A Eason	Quince, - - Ga		
" D Cook	Bellville, - - Ga		

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the God-head—Father, Son and Ho'y Ghost.
2. We believe in the fall of man and the inability to recover himself.
3. We believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God.
4. We believe in particular election, effectual calling of the elect, and final preservation of the saints.
5. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God.
6. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of Jesus Christ, and the washing of Saints' feet an example, and that no man has the right to administer the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, but such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.
7. We believe that immersion is the scriptural mode of baptism.
8. We believe in a final judgment; in a future reward and punishment, and that of eternal duration.
9. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

CONSTITUTION.

We, the Primitive Churches, were formely from the Upper and

Lower Canoochee Associations, met together and composed the Mount Pleasant Association, viz: Banks Creek, St. Paul, Bethlehem, Mt. Pls-gah and Eden. Delegates from these churches met on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1887, at Banks Creek Church, and did then and there agree to unite on the following principles:

1. This association shall, if they think proper, meet annually as an advisory council.

2. This association will be composed of messengers from the several churches, so that each church may have two messengers, if they choose, and no more, and the messengers names shall be inserted in in their letters.

3. This association shall have power to make its own rules to govern itself, while in session, but none of the rules shall be binding on the churches, for they are free, and of right ought to be.

4. It shall the duty of this association to give her best advice, in cases of difficulty, and endeavor to keep up a union among the churches, and arrange general meetings.

5. The association may admit into its body and church whom they find sound in faith and moral in practice. Also, if any church in our order wishes to withdraw from this body, she may do so at her discretion, or, on application, she may have a letter of dismission.

6. As the love of money is the root of all evil, and has produced so much distress among people, and we wishing to live in peace, therefore, this association shall not encourage religious speculations called missionary, or by any other name, under pretence of supporting the gospel.

7. We, the churches composing this association, believing the books of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, declare we take them for the rule of our faith and practice.

DECORUM.

1. This association shall open and close with prayer.

2. Those members who are regularly chosen by the churches in our body shall compose the Mt. Pleasant Association. The members thus chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with the number in fellowship, with those received, excluded or dead since our last association.

3. This association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present, and who shall hold their offices until the next election.

4. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preserve order, explain and put questions. He shall have the same right of speech as other members, provided the chair be filled, but shall not vote except the body be evenly divided.

5. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a fair record of all the proceedings of the association, and the minutes then shall be read and amended, if necessary, and signed by the moderator and clerk.

6. Any church applying by letter and delegates for admission who, upon examination, is found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the associa-

tion, manifested by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to its delegates.

7. Each church shall have the right to send only two delegates to the association.

8. Every question presented to the association shall be from church authority.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall claim the action of the association, except withdrawn by the person making it, with consent of the association.

10. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise and address the moderator and shall not be interrupted while speaking, except he depart from the subject.

11. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the association.

12. There shall be no talking in time of public speech, nor reflection cast upon the speaker.

13. Whenever a case is decided by vote, there shall be no more debating on the subject.

14. No member shall absent himself from the association without leave from the moderator.

15. Whereas, there are so many institutions of men, benevolent so-called, and believing it to be our duty to provide for a general union of the churches, we therefore declare non-fellowship with all of them and we will not hold any church in union with us that is connected with all or either of them, or their kindred relations, holding them to be unscripatural.

16. It is the duty of this association to provide for the general union of the churches; to give her best advice in matters of difficulty and if the union between any of the sister churches be broken, to inquire into the cause of the breach, and to use her endeavors to remove the difficulty; but if the breach cannot be healed, to withdraw from any church or churches that may be unsound in the faith or immoral in practice, until they be reformed.

17. To keep up a correspondence with other associations of the same faith and order, that a chain of connection may be preserved among the churches.

18. To invite ministers of our faith and order to seats with us.

19. These rules shall be read at every association previous to entering on business.

CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS NAMES.	Sabbath Meetings	Baptized	Received by Letter	Recommended	Restored	Expelled	Dead	Total	Money for minutes	Money Messengers	For Clerk
Banks Creek	J. Bell, W. Hodges	4th				1	1		20	1 00	3 00	50
St. Paul	G. P. Page, R. L. Brown	3rd	2				2	1	78	3 00	5 00	50
Mt. Pisgah	T. Bird, H. Kirkland	3rd						1	75	1 75	1 75	50
Bethlehem	H. E. Smith, R. Spicks	4th	1					1	20	25	2 25	50
Eden	H. E. Smith, R. Spicks	1st	8					1	22	1 00	2 50	50
Bethel	Benj. Hall, E. Steward	2nd							27	1 50	3 50	50
Zion Hill	Jake Wilkerson, L. Kennedy	3rd							15	1 60	2 50	50
New Hope	M. Goodman, H. Groover	1st							8	25	75	50
Little Flock	J. Durden	1st							6	25	25	50



